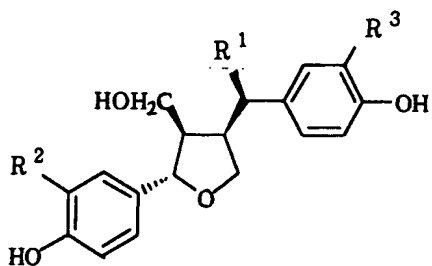


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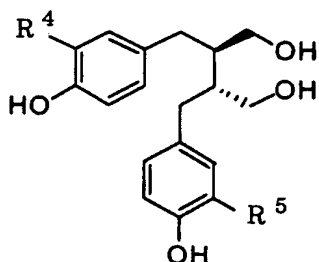
1. A drug comprising a compound shown in the formula (1)



(1)

(wherein R^1 is a hydrogen or a hydroxyl group, R^2 is either an alkyloxy group or a hydroxyl group, both with the carbon number of 1 to 4 , and R^3 is an alkyloxy group with the carbon number of 1 to 4) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester of said compound in the formula (1) as an effective ingredient.

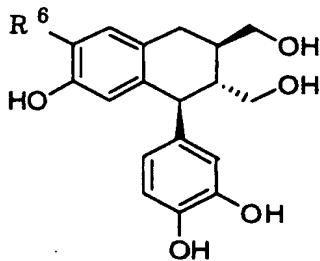
2. A drug comprising a compound shown in the formula (2)



(2)

(wherein R^4 and R^5 are an alkyloxy group with the carbon number of 1 to 4) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester of said compound in the formula (2) as an effective ingredient.

3. A drug comprising a compound shown in the formula (3)



(3)

(wherein R⁶ is an alkyloxy group with the carbon number of 1 to 4) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester of said compound in the formula (3) as an effective ingredient.

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4. A drug according to Claim 1, wherein said drug is a hypoglycemic agent, a hepatoprotective agent or an anticancer agent.

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5. A drug according to Claim 2, wherein said drug is a hypoglycemic agent, a hepatoprotective agent or an anticancer agent.

6. A drug according to Claim 3, wherein said drug is a hypoglycemic agent, a hepatoprotective agent or an anticancer agent.

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7. A drug comprising as an effective ingredient an extract extracted with an organic solvent from an aqueous extract extracted with water from the wood of hongdoushan.

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8. A drug according to Claim 7, wherein said drug is hypoglycemic agent, hepatoprotective agent or anticancer agent.